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PASSING OF THE COW-PUNCHER.

Going the Way of His Predecessors, the Indian and the Buffalo.

Civilization is Gradually Destroying This Potent and Pictorial Feature of American Literature—Terror of the West No Longer.

Tucson, Ariz.—There is a good deal of talk about the "Passing of the Cowboy," and it is not altogether a dream. The day of the cowboy as he has been is practically past. Civilization is gradually destroying the picturesque features of his life. Mile after mile of ranch and grazing lands are being fenced in, and with each advance in this direction the cowboy becomes more superfluous.

Some of the largest ranches now are equipped with electric lights and telephone connections, and this still more diminishes the demand for the cowboy's services.

American literature and drama of the melodrama order will lose one of their potent features when this unique character is effaced.

Notwithstanding the fact that he still adheres to his monstrous methods of costuming himself, the cowboy is no longer the terror of the western plains that he used to be.

The rough life of the west has simmered down until it is little different to rough outdoor life anywhere, for poor Leo no longer raises his tomahawk to bar the cow-puncher's way with his herds across the wilderness.

Wild animals are scarcer even than Indians now, and taken altogether the cowboy has to manufacture most of the excitement that centers around his personality. This he manages to do occasionally when he goes to the small town nearest his ranch, and after filling up with some villainous rum commences to enliven things with his revolver. Even this elementary form of sport seems to have fallen away considerably, for the faro bank proprietors are calling out bitterly about bad business and the sheriffs are literally without business at all.

The cowboy's life brought down to the prosaic lines of existence to-day is not an exceptionally enviable one, although to a steady-gaited young man there are chances of saving and opportunities for getting ahead fully equal to those offered in densely crowded cities where a dollar is generally spent before it is earned.

On the plains it is literally impossible to spend money before it is earned. "Once a cowboy always a cowboy" is a well-grounded axiom. Few care to leave the Bedouin-like existence when once they have become accustomed to it. True, the life is one of incessant hardship. Who ever followed the restless "beef" in a fall round-up of early snows and rains without having an experience that would beggar description? Up at 3 o'clock in the morning, swallowing a hasty cup of coffee, if any happened to be ready, with an enormous herd of nervous cattle to hold in leash. Then comes the crash of thunder, some dazzling flashes of lightning and the maddened animals break away, two or three thousand strong. Right in among that mad, onrushing horde is the cowboy, slashing and driving and dashing ahead of the mass to try to turn it in the direction it should go. Sometimes he succeeds—if not it is a long trail to be covered till sun up before he will get his bacon and hard tack breakfast.

Then he is ready to face the elements or whatever else there is to be met until nightfall or after.

The pay of the cowboy is about \$1 a day or from \$25 to \$50 per month, exclusive of food and lodging. Foremen receive as much as from \$100 to \$250 per month, according to the size of the ranches on which they are employed. Board and lodging is always included and free medical aid, as a rule. The food is coarse, but substantial, and when one is accustomed to it, not at all distasteful. It includes Mexican beans, bacon, oatmeal, coffee, flour, molasses, dried fruit and canned tomatoes and corn, with occasional variations. The ranch owners consider \$1 a week will feed a person satisfactorily.

Unfortunately the hardships of a cowboy's life make him a hard liver all around. As a rule he drinks like a fish when the opportunity presents itself—he gambles like a silver or copper king, and is very promiscuous in his loves. It generally takes him about three days to dispose of his earnings during the year. If he fails, as seldom is the case, to ride to the door of the general storekeeper when he enters the small town to which he hies as soon as he ends the fall round-up, he will have to wear his old seedy and patched clothes to the end of the year, for he will surely spend every cent when he reaches the gambling den or other vicious animal.

If he only would defer these visits until some four or five years had elapsed or would do without them altogether, the cowboy might have a good start in life. Five years of self-denial would be sufficient to give him his beginning as a stockgrower.

There are proofs of what can be done by those who are thrifty scattered over the plains of the northwest in the shape



First Congregation Church, Goodland, Kan.

This church has had a very moving history. Erected in the town of Voltaire in 1888, moved to Goodland in 1889, when it was enlarged and furnished, and rested for two years on a lot three blocks east of its present location. Finding this very inconvenient it was moved again to its present location. In 1901 it was struck by lightning. The damage resulting has been repaired. The church is entirely free of debt. A reception to the pastor, Rev. J. E. Kirkpatrick, will be given in the church to-night open to the public.

of substantial ranches which have sprung up from savings during the cowboy period of the owner's life which were subsequently invested in the first bunch of cattle the cowboy ever owned. But the chances are not now so favorable for this or other progress on the part of the cowboy as they were in the days of the golden past.—Dallas News.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Wizard.
See B. F. Brown for insurance. Millisack's for everything—1902. See the fine line of Valentine's at Ernst's.

Buy your coal of Wheatley at Scott's old stand.

Eighteen pounds granulated sugar for \$1 at Millisack's.

Things hum lively around the Wizard's grocery department.

H. F. Wheatley keeps all kinds of coal at Scott's old stand.

3,000 pound wagon scales, \$35, if sold at once.—C. M. Millisack.

School and county warrants wanted for cash or trade.—Millisack.

William H. Male lands for sale or lease.—Thos. P. Leonard, Agent.

Go to Millisack's for any kind or style of work and dress gloves.

Lennox, Canon City and hard coal at the Scott yard. H. F. Wheatley.

Go and see the Wizard first for what you want. You will find it there.

For sale or lease, Smith Bros. Loan & Trust Co. lands.—Thos. P. Leonard.

Valentines, the comic ones and the nice celluloid kind in boxes, at Ernst's.

Millisack's clothing department is now being replenished with new spring suits.

Our new line of men's neckwear is now in—a beautiful line.—C. M. Millisack.

For Sale—Black frock coat and vest at Warriner's tailor shop; will trade for feed.

The Wizard is looking after the grocery department. Come and see how he does it.

Men's duck coats and underwear—a good assortment at right prices.—C. M. Millisack.

Bring your price lists to Millisack's grocery department and compare goods and prices.

Call up The Republic, phone No. 5, when you have any news item that would be of interest.

The largest, nicest and most complete line of Valentines ever shown in Goodland at Ernst's.

When you can't find what you want in groceries and other goods elsewhere go and see the Wizard.

Men's odd pants, the biggest line in western Kansas. Good values at \$1 to \$5 per pair at Millisack's.

The Wizard's grocery department is your savings bank, the continuous small savings accruing daily.

The largest stock, the best and noblest clothing coming in that we have ever shown before.—Millisack.

Ribbons! Ribbons! A great big city assortment of nice ribbons at extremely low prices at Millisack's.

I have for sale or lease the McKinley & Lanning and the Equitable Land Co. lands.—Thos. P. Leonard.

If you want to suspend or if you don't want to suspend, buy a pair of new suspenders at Millisack's.

Millisack's clothing department will this year interest you more than ever. Call at any time and look through.

Having moved in the photograph building will do all kinds of sewing at home or go out by the day.—Mrs. Lucy Blodgett.

Good milling wheat wanted at Burlington roller mill; will pay 60c for winter wheat, 65c for red and 62c for white wheat.

For Sale—For the next 30 days, all kinds of furniture, carpets, piano, dishes, pictures, etc. Call and see them.—Mrs. Francis Cross.

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by W. Ennis.

THUMB-MARK AS A SEAL.

Has Been Used in China and Elsewhere in Attestation of Legal Documents.

An army officer in Arizona used to make his orders for payment on a camp sutler, and use his own thumb-mark to serve the same purpose as the elaborate markings on bank checks.

The thumb-mark has been used in China and elsewhere in attestation of deeds. Sir William Herschel introduced finger marks for practical purposes in several ways in India. He had heard that Chinese criminals in early times were made to give the impressions of their fingers just as the criminals of this country are now photographed. In Egypt the criminals were made to seal their confessions with their thumbnails, as the country servant girls used to seal their letters. Accordingly Sir William adopted the registration of finger markings for pensioners. He suspected that others personated these officials—after the pensioners were dead; he therefore employed this means of identification.

This led to the scientific identification of criminals—each prisoner signed a book with his finger. Comparing the impressions of the fingers made after an interval of 20 years he proved that time makes no such material difference as to affect the utility of the plan. There is a marked difference between the marks of males and females.

GROWING BUFFALO HERDS.

Canadian Bison Promise to Become Quite Numerous in the Next Few Years.

The buffaloes are increasing in such proportions in Canada that they promise in the course of a few years to become again fairly abundant. Some time ago they threatened to become extinct, says a Quebec report.

The herd of woods buffaloes in the Peace river district has trebled in size under the protection afforded it by the Northwest mounted police. Five years ago it was estimated that there were not more than 80 buffaloes in the herd; now there are 400.

In appearance there is little difference between the woods buffalo and the plains buffalo. The former is merely a larger, richer-colored animal. It differs materially, however, in its habits from the subspecies which inhabited the plains, and which has undoubtedly passed away, except for the presence of a few animals in captivity and in the Yellowstone National park.

This species preferred the plain and traveled hundreds of miles in its annual migrations, while the Canadian buffalo shuns the prairie and migrates but little.

Babies the Fashion.

The princess of Wales has made babies fashionable in England. Children are supplanting lap dogs and silken-coated cats as drawing-room pets. How long the babies will rule no one can tell, but at present they are wearing the crown of popularity.

There are three bright children in the palace of the princess of Wales—two boys and a flaxen, curly-haired little girl. These tots were left behind when the prince and princess went on the great colonial tour from which they but recently returned.

And when they came home the glad welcome the royal mother received from her three children was no touching that the whole nation was put into a sympathetic mood. Now the princess is rarely seen without having one or more of her babies with her.

Americans in Hawaii.

In 1873 there were 899 Americans in the Hawaiian Islands and 50,000 Hawaiians. In 1890 there were 4,000 Americans and 30,000 Hawaiians. The natives are a dying race. In 1900 the death rate among Hawaiians was 42.31 per 1,000; among Americans and Europeans 12.75.

Men's hats in the latest spring styles are now in at Millisack's.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mrs. S. Beidelman has returned from Kansas City where she has been for a visit.

Mrs. Retta Witham, of Wichita, is stopping at the Commercial hotel this week.

C. M. Millisack was at Burlington, Col. Tuesday to inspect his store at that place.

R. T. Beckett, living southeast of town, is dangerously ill and not expected to live.

J. W. Johnson, traveling representative of the Topeka Daily Herald, was in Goodland Tuesday.

A. L. McCants has been quite sick with tonsillitis and pneumonia this week but is now some better.

Miss Ida Mann, of Marysville, Kan., is in town for a visit with her brother, Joe Mann, of the depot force.

Rev. Jones, of Smith Center, connected with the missionary society of the Congregational church, is in town.

C. F. Carlson, of Virginia, Ill., is here for a visit with his brothers, Peter and Frank Carlson, of Voltaire township.

A reception will be tendered Rev. J. E. Kirkpatrick, of the Congregational church, by the members at the church this evening.

George Clemons, a returned soldier from the Philippines, just discharged from the Eighth infantry, was in Goodland Saturday.

G. H. Anderson, of Chula Vista, Cal., is here to see Susan Nelson, an old acquaintance, and to make a trade for land near Bird City, Cheyenne county.

Mrs. Mary Brown, mother of B. F. Brown, left Wednesday morning for Waco, Tex., where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Foster.

Guy Norris, who has been the pharmacist in the Egan drug store for over a year, left Wednesday for Ellis, Kan., where he will engage in the drug business for himself.

Moses Eversoll, of Agra, Kan., is still in Goodland on business. He has already purchased eight quarter sections of M. Robinson, the real estate man, and is now contemplating the purchase of eight more quarters.

G. W. Pickering, of Lincoln, Neb., has been in correspondence with James Haney and H. A. Bowman in view of purchasing their store and stock in Goodland. The deal has not proceeded far enough to give any further details.

The pupils of the high school department planned and executed a complete surprise for Prof. Mallory Wednesday evening. Taking a dainty luncheon with them they invaded his home, and forced him to surrender. Prof. and Mrs. Mallory entertained them very hospitably and a delightful evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ernst entertained friends Friday evening. A feature of the evening's entertainment was a contest in writing poetry, each poem a parody on "Mary Had a Little Lamb." The prize, a handsomely bound book of poems, was won by Mrs. B. F. Brown. Delicious refreshments were served. The guests included, among others, the members of the Round Table club.

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WILL PHILLIPSBURG LOSE IT?

Report That The Rock Island Will Move the Division From There to Alameda, or Norton.

Reports that will not down spring up about twice each year that the Rock Island will remove their Phillipsburg division to Alameda or Norton on account of the scarcity of water at Phillipsburg.

A late report to this effect is more persistent than former ones.

General Manager H. A. Parker and H. W. Daub, superintendent of water service, of the Rock Island, visited Phillipsburg Tuesday in a special car to personally investigate the water problem at that place.

It is said that Mr. Parker assumed the Phillipsburg people that the division would not be moved until another test well had been put down, but other reports state that the division will be moved to either Alameda or Norton as soon as a decision can be reached between the two points. Alameda will no doubt be the point chosen. The water supply there is better than at Norton, and the road owns considerable land at Alameda.

Phillipsburg has spent more money trying to secure an adequate water supply for the Rock Island than the division has been worth to the town, and will now lose it after all.

RAILROAD SPIKES.

Engine 405 is receiving light repairs in the round house.

Engine 501 went into the shops for light repairs Wednesday.

H. A. Adams, a new brakeman, has moved his family to Goodland.

Engineer John Pack is spending a vacation in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Brakeman McAllister has returned from a visit with relatives at Triplet, Mo.

Robert Zerweck, a machinist, has taken a leave of absence and is away on a visit.

Conductor Ed Young is on passenger trains No. 9 and 10 in Conductor J. S. Fuller's place.

At last it looks as though the Rock Island were about to carry out its long cherished plan of building to the Pacific coast.

Passenger train No. 5 was double headed both Sunday and Tuesday mornings on account of bad weather and the trains being late.

Engine 547 was down on the ice train at Edgerton, Col., all last week. Fireman Kosch enjoyed himself playing golf on the ice evenings.

Roadmaster A. L. Carlson, of Dalt, Tex., will be here next week for a visit with Fireman Frazier, and will attend the Engineers' ball.

Brakeman W. M. Mathis, of freight service, made a couple of trips on passenger this week to relieve a regular who took a brief vacation.

Fireman Oakford will return to this division and has been assigned to engine 897. His successor on the Roswell-Pueblo run is not known yet.

Engine 510, of the Denver run, Engineer Brown and Fireman Lee, was here this week for light repairs. Engine 547 was in the 510's place temporarily.

T. M. Baldwin, conductor of the dining car that runs between Goodland and Limon on Nos. 9 and 10, has gone away for a vacation. He is accompanied by his wife.

Joe Fickie, who is breaking out of Goodland, caught a run down this way on local Monday and put his feet under the table at home for a square meal.—Phillipsburg News.

Engine 446 came out of the round house after receiving light repairs in the drop pit Wednesday. Engineer Shaw and Fireman Baker took her out on 90 yesterday morning.

Operator G. A. Lay, at Limon, is sick and R. D. Garver, operator at Flagler, is filling his place. Extra Operator L. G. Kay is in Garver's place as night operator at Flagler.

Lewis Farrow, night caller of engine crews, ran into a wagon near the Duane livery barn Tuesday night while out calling a crew, mounted on a bicycle. His lip was badly cut and several teeth were loosened, one being knocked out. Dr. Gulick dressed his wounds.

Passenger Conductors Edwards, Fuller and Aurand are laying off. Fuller and Edwards have gone to California, and Aurand is at Kansas City as a witness to law suit. Freight Conductor Young is in Fuller's place, Converse in Edwards' place and Stephens is in Aurand's place.

Conductor W. Stephens returned the first of the week from Chicago where he has been a member of a grievance committee, together with J. T. Joyce, a passenger conductor of this division. The brakemen also had a representative in the person of William McKinley. The trainmen want some amendments added to the schedule and they have been negotiating with the management of the road for several weeks.

Lodge Inspected by the Grand Matron. Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead, of Anthony, grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star of the state of Kansas, made an official visit and inspection of Goodland Chapter No. 122, O. E. S., Tuesday night. The chapter exemplified the work and initiated a candidate at the conclusion of which the grand matron made a very pleasing address. An elegant spread was served in the banquet hall which was prepared by the Star ladies. The attendance was large and a very pleasant time was had.

County Vouchers.

The First National Bank pays face for vouchers and claims against the county.

Standard patterns are the best. The late spring styles are in, over 1,500 styles to select from at Millisack's.

Buy your valentines at Ernst's.

T. J. LOAR DEAD.

Passed Away at Monroe, La., Sunday, January 26—Principal of Goodland Schools in 1891-92.

T. J. Loar died at Monroe, La., Sunday, January 26, from pulmonary trouble. Mr. Loar had been afflicted with the disease that caused his death for several years, his last illness coming upon him in September.

Prof. Loar was principal of the Goodland high schools during 1891-92, coming here from Phillipsburg. He took great interest in educational work and his former students still retain many pleasant memories of the days spent in the recitation room under his tutelage. After leaving Goodland Prof. Loar went to Provo, Utah, where a daughter, Mrs. E. E. Corfman, lives. Failing health compelled him to give up school work and he bought a drug store at Monroe, La., which he was conducting at the time of his death.

Mr. Loar was 54 years of age and leaves a wife and two daughters. The younger daughter, Jessie, is well remembered by the young people of Goodland. Mr. Loar was a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Court of Honor and Woodmen lodges, and carried \$5,000 insurance in the last two. The funeral was held Tuesday following his death and interment made at Monroe.